

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Markowitz Property Inventory Number: G-I-A-139  
Address: 4882 Chestnut Ridge Road (US 219) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Grantsville vicinity Zip Code: 21536 County: Garrett  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Avilton  
Property Owner: Sidney Markowitz Tax Account ID Number: 1203011410  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 009 Tax Map Number: 09  
Project: U.S. 219 Improvements, Meyersdale (Pa.) to I-68 Agency: FHWA, SHA  
Agency Prepared By: Heberling Associates for SHA  
Preparer's Name: William Hunter Date Prepared: 6/15/2005  
Documentation is presented in: W.M. Hunter 2003 [2005] Historic Structures Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report, U.S. 219 Improvements Project. Prepared for the FHWA and SHA by Heberling Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: Little Meadows Historic Site (partial)  
Inventory Number: G-I-A-012 Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Markowitz Property is a two building "hobby farm" located on a 263.75 tract straddling the Mason-Dixon Line. The property itself is comprised of woods, meadow, fields and farm lot. The property was strip and deep mined this century. The property includes an c. 1865 house, a reconstructed barn, several road traces, and millseats (no material features) on Meadow Run, none of which retain the integrity necessary to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The house is a late (c. 1865) expression of the regionally dominant Georgian plan of domestic architecture. The other principal structure on the property is a much-altered standard Pennsylvania barn. The barn is unusual in its orientation, facing the east in a perpendicular relationship with the house. The barn is also unusual in its two-part composition, degree of alteration and lack of modern outbuildings.

Two aspects of the Markowitz property are already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A small square granite marker (G-I-A-189) installed during the resurvey of the Mason-Dixon line is located immediately south of the large pipeline right-of-way that bisects the property. The southern portion of the Markowitz property is located with the Little Meadows Historic Site.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Jim Faulkner  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

9/22/05  
Date

Patricia Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

9/22/05  
Date

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This area contains no buildings, structures, or objects, and is included within the historic site due to the potential for archaeological resources associated with Braddock's campaign and as setting.

As for the balance of the property, we must agree with past surveyors who have not advanced the Markowitz property to a National Register nomination. Though an important node in the local sense of place, alterations to the setting, design, materials and workmanship of the extant structures, the loss of key elements, and the actual alteration of the land through strip mining have robbed the property of its ability to convey its significance under any criteria. Note, however, there is very high archaeological potential. Based on the extant material characteristics, we recommend that the Markowitz Property is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C due to a loss of integrity.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

G-I-A-139

Markowitz Property

c. 1865

4882 Chestnut Ridge Road (U.S. 219)

Grantsville

Private

The Markowitz Property is a two building "hobby farm" located on a 263.75 tract straddling the Mason-Dixon Line. Located on the headwaters of Meadow Run, the farm occupies the northeastern slope of Chestnut Ridge, and includes woodlot, pasture, and fields, some of which has been restored following timbering and strip mining. Two aspects of the Markowitz property are already on the National Register of Historic Places. A small square granite marker (G-I-A-189) installed during the resurvey of the Mason-Dixon line is listed on the National Register as an element of the survey's thematic grouping. The southern portion of the Markowitz property is located within the Little Meadows Historic Site. This section has no buildings, structures or objects and is included within the historic site for its archaeological potential and for setting. As for the balance of the property, we must agree with past surveyors who have not advanced the Markowitz property to a National Register nomination. The Markowitz Property is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places due to a loss of integrity.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-I-A-139

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Newman Farm

other Markowitz Property (preferred), Sidney Markowitz Farm

### 2. Location

street and number 4882 Chestnut Ridge Road (US 219) not for publication

city, town Grantsville (and Salisbury, Somerset County, Pa.) vicinity

county Garrett County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sidney Markowitz

street and number 10800 Pebble Brook Lane

telephone N/A

city, town Potomac

state Md.

zip code 20854

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany and Garrett County Records liber 318 folio 596

city, town Grantsville tax map 09 tax parcel 009 tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☒ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	2	sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			2	

## 7. Description

Inventory No. G-I-A-139

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

The Markowitz Property is a two building "hobby farm" located on a 263.75 tract straddling the Mason-Dixon Line. Located on the headwaters of Meadow Run, the farm occupies the northeastern slope of Chestnut Ridge, and includes woodlot, pasture, and fields, some of which has been restored following timbering and strip mining. The property is accessed from the west by a small dirt road, and is crossed by well-defined road traces, tram tracks, and internal circulation patterns. Field lines, some demarcated by wire and wooden fences, define the pastures, fields and woodlots.

The two principal buildings on the property are located approximately .3 miles east of US 219, known locally as Chestnut Ridge Road or as the Salisbury Road. The house and barn are located on the crest of Chestnut Ridge, the house oriented to an old road trace leading to the seminal resource on the farm, the site of Philip Hare's saw mill (Photo 1). The barn is found on the eastern slope of the ridge above Meadow Run. Other material features on the property include a marker installed during the resurvey of the Mason-Dixon line, located south of the large pipeline right-of-way that bisects the property at the state line.

Both extant structures were built relative to features that were long-erased from the landscape. The original farmhouse, said to have been a large log I-house, was in a linear relationship with the extant frame residence, but down slope to the east. The highly altered barn, which local informants believe pre-dates the house, is oriented to the ridgeline, perpendicular to the residence (Photo 2). Features now missing from the landscape include a summerhouse, a springhouse, the mill, coalmines, a number of sheds, and a large farm pond, as well as the original house or houses.

The house is a late (c. 1865) expression of the regionally dominant Georgian plan of domestic architecture (Photo 3). The two-and-a-half story building rests on a raised sandstone foundation that conceals a full basement, accessed by a cellar door on the east side. The bilateral three-bay window-and-door placement reflects the original interior plan of the house, now opened by the removal of interior walls. The wall depth, as seen in the front door well (10-11 inches), suggests that the house structure is of braced or "German" frame construction, the latter being comprised of pairs of vertical planks. Both gable ends feature the Georgian fenestration, with pairs of full-size windows on each floor and small panes lighting the half story. Each gable end is broken on the exterior by brick chimneys: an eastern stove chimney and a western open-hearth chimney. The rear (southwest) elevation has two bays, now altered by a one-story, 1/3 length shed addition resting on wooden piers and runners (Photo 4).

The form and materials affirm the late date of construction. The northeast-facing house is clad with a carefully machined drop siding attached with wire nails, and shielded from the weather by mature vegetation (Photo 5). The window and door frames are plain throughout, in keeping with the form and vintage of the house, though some Victorian ornament once adorned the original porch. Windows have two-over-two light sash set in plain frames, and a window bay on the east elevation has been replaced by a small single pane window. The full-length front porch is a recent addition, replacing the smaller partial-width shed porch. Barge and cornice boards highlight the steep roof pitch, with broad eaves and overhangs emphasizing the slope.

The other principal structure on the property is a much-altered standard Pennsylvania barn (Photo 6). The barn is unusual in its orientation, facing the east in a perpendicular relationship with the house. The barn is also unusual in its two-part composition, degree of alteration and lack of modern outbuildings. The light frame four-bay barn rests primarily on a foundation of rough sandstone block, now supplemented with structurally comprised brick and concrete (Photo 7). The upslope basement wall is built entirely of heavy sandstone blocks. The threshing floor, served by a low earthen ramp buttressed by rough sandstone retaining walls, serves a pair of central doors. The exterior of the barn is clad with tightly laid vertical planks, suggesting modern re-siding. The forebay is now enclosed with a light frame covered with wooden planks, the beams of the overshoot testifying to its original design (Photo 8). The interior of the structure is lit by a series of two and four-pane stationary windows set in plain frames. The low-pitched side gable roof is covered with a new sheet metal treatment.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Specific dates** 1792, c. 1860 **Architect/Builder** William and Henry Newman

**Construction dates** c. 1865

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

The 263.75-acre Markowitz property began a series of three separate land surveys. The original surveys were later supplemented by three contiguous military tracts, and were assembled into one property between 1828 and 1835 by farmer John Newman (Allegany County Deed Books O: 66-67 and T: 568-569). The names of the early land warrants clearly suggest the mind of the claimants. The 22.25-acre section of "Ormes Whim" is a pre-survey anomaly found on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line. Hair's (also Hare) 1792 acquisition of Jesse Tomlinson's 53.5-acre survey of the "Mill Seat" tract, and his 1807 acquisition of the 61.25-acre "Coal and Timber" tract, expresses the close relationship of land surveys to early natural resources. In 1814, Hair sold a 13.75-acre portion of "Coal and Timber" to his neighbor and friend, Samuel Brown (Cumberland County Deed Book L:362). These irregular tracts, laid-out relative to the physical geography, contrast with the regular surveys of the three 50-acre military tracts (2184, 2185, 2186) that make up the balance of the property.

The two remaining buildings date from the period of ownership by the Newman family, although they are altered to a high degree. Long known as the Newman Farm, the Markowitz property can also vaguely demonstrate its association with earlier occupants through property lines, old roadbeds, and field patterns. We are fortunate that a local businessman and historian Jacob Brown grew up on an adjoining property and has chronicled the early days of the Newman Farm in detail, known to him as the Hair property (Brown 1896). Because of the popularity of Brown's writings, the property is an important touchstone in the local geography.

The property is important as the sites of the first coal mine and sawmill in a region characterized by the coal and timber industries. The long tradition of lumbering and milling in Garrett County began on the property in 1790, when Philip Hair established the sawmill on Meadow Run, just south of the Mason-Dixon Line (Brown 1896:53). Brown's history offers some details regarding the location, operation and fate of the early sawmills on Meadow Run, and the farm's ownership by the Newman family:

The first saw mill in Garrett county was built and owned by Philip Hare about the year 1790, on Meadow Run, two miles below the Stone House on the National Road with the primitive flutter-wheel and other like appointments. Water-power, with up and down saw, cut the plank boards, as they were called; and hand and foot power did the balance of the labor, all heavy and hard. Hare ran this mill himself till manhood gave out.. (Brown 1896:53).

Soon after Phillip Hair commenced milling, he opened the first commercial coal mine on the "Coal and Timber" tract in 1792 (Brown 1896:20). Hair used the "stone coal" to supply the Glotfelty blacksmith shops that supported the traffic on the Braddock Road corridor (Brown 1896:18; Schlosnagle 1978:273). This relationship links the property to other resources in both Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Two years prior to his death in 1831, Hair conveyed the tracts to his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and John Newman (Cumberland County Deed Book O:66-67). The Newman family aggressively developed the property, purchasing the 150 acres of military lands and building a new mill "about one mile above the old one of the same stream," abandoning the original by 1835 (Brown 1896). John and Elizabeth Newman held the property until 1859, when the current 263 acre 120 perch property passed to brothers William and Henry Newman and their families (Cumberland County Deed Book 18:409). In 1896, Brown writes:



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It is believed in the actual occupancy of the original proprietor and his descendents over one hundred years, and is now owned and dwelt upon to two of his grandsons – Henry and William Newman – now approaching their three score and ten. Though both married, and with families, they have always lived in common. No two persons were ever nearer a unit than they. This old mill was in utter ruins more than sixty years ago (c. 1836).

The Newman brothers and their families, living in this unusual arrangement, occupied the family seat and built the frame house during their tenure. Local informants suggest that William Newman built the present farmhouse soon after the Civil War, not long after completion of the barn. In 1895, the heirs of William Newman sold their ½ interest in the property to the surviving brother for \$5,000 (Garrett County Deed Book 28:369). Henry's passing soon after allowed his heirs to pass the now well-known "Newman Farm" to Noah and Nancy Newman by 1899 (Garrett County Deed Book 66:64).

The Newman Farm stayed in the family until 1951, when the property was sold to the Tressler family (Garrett County Deed Book 168:160). During much of this time, the Newman's were absentee owners, forming a close relationship with tenants Mary R. McCune, among others. The sale of the property to the Tressler family marked the beginning of an era of intensive resource extraction, most significantly, the strip-mining of the property for coal; some of these mines are un-reclaimed. By 1968, the Tressler family divested themselves of the property, selling the stripped farm to Elmer and Lucy Yoder for \$10.00 (Garrett County Deed Book 283:410).

The Yoder's held the property for just two years, selling to Barbara J. Reim of Montgomery County Maryland in late 1970, when soil exhaustion and strip mining coupled with improved access to open marginal farms in the region for sale to eastern real estate dealers (Garrett County Deed Book 283:410, Will Book G:388). In early 1972, Reim sold the property to Sidney and Carolyn Markowitz of suburban Washington. In the past 30 years, Dr. and Mrs. Markowitz have restored the stripped land, rehabilitated the house and renovated the barn.

The property itself, yet intact, is comprised of woods, meadow, fields and farm lot. The property was strip and deep mined this century. The property includes a c. 1865 house, a reconstructed c. 1860 barn, several road traces, and millseats (no material features) on Meadow Run, none of which retain the integrity necessary to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, though they may be an archaeological site. A derelict modern-era sugar camp, located on the property line with the adjacent Palmer-Maust property, occupies the site of an earlier structure (as evidenced by scattered foundation stones) and is located near historian Samuel Brown's unmarked grave on the original "Coal and Timber" tract (Photo 9). Maple sugar production, once a staple of farm life in the region, has enjoyed resurgent popularity in recent years.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 263.75  
Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Avilton PA.-MD.

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	William M. Hunter		
organization	Heberling Associates, Inc.	date	October 15, 2003, June 15, 2005
street & number	904 Main Street	telephone	814 669-1280
city or town	Alexandria	state	Pennsylvania

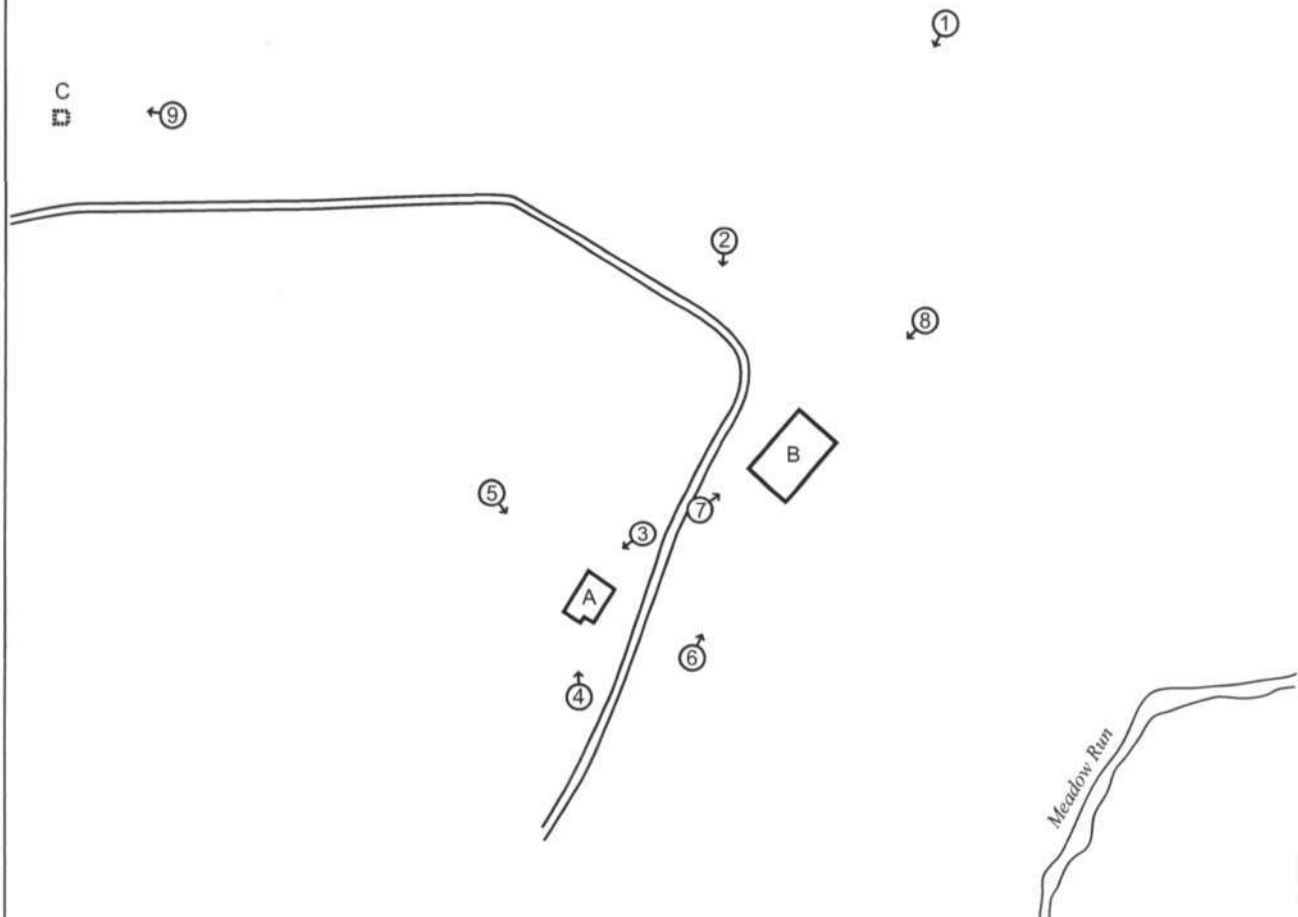
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

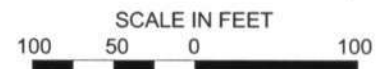


**SIDNEY MARKOWITZ FARM**  
(G-I-A-139)

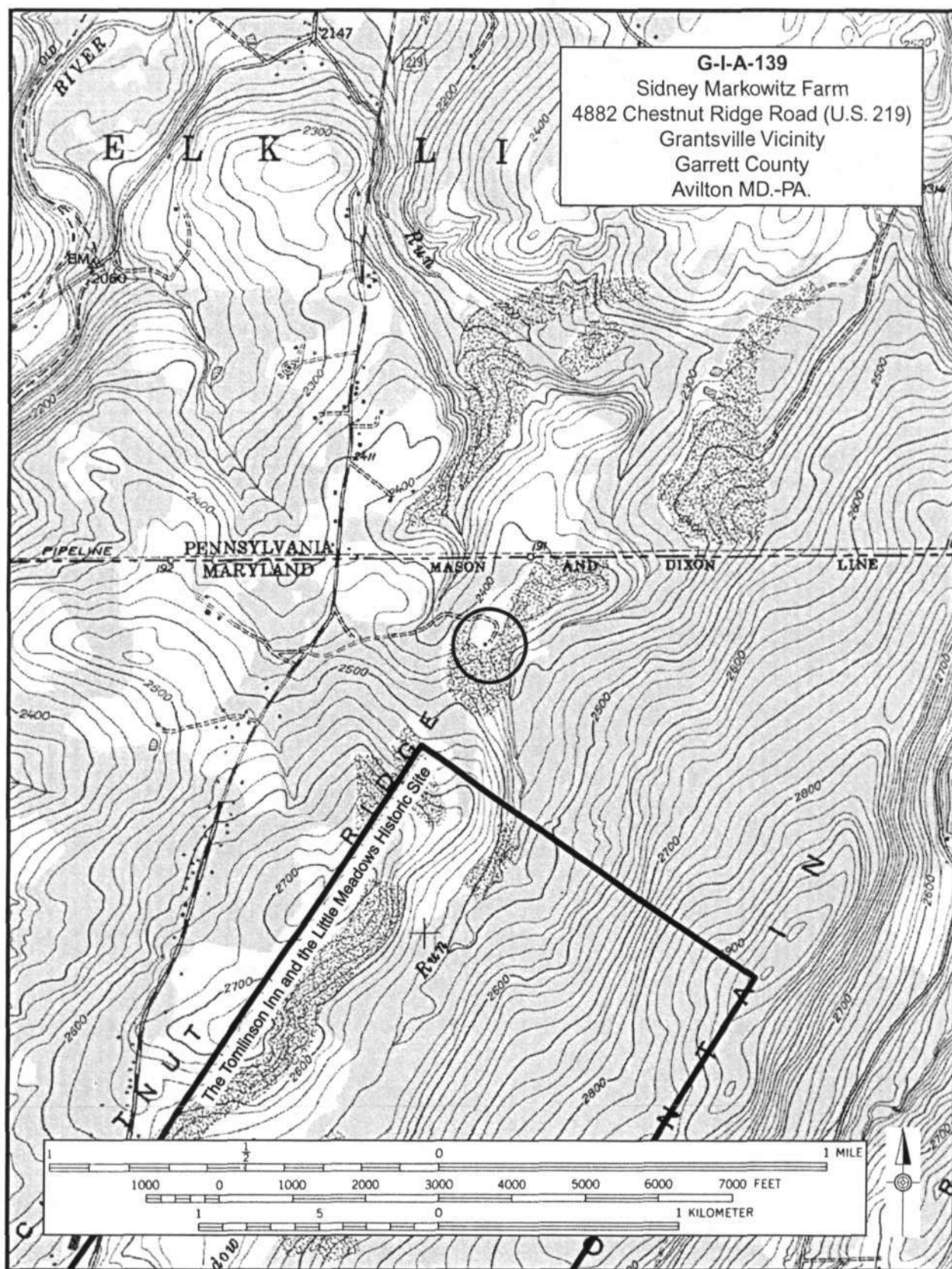


**KEY**

- A. House
- B. Barn
- C. Sugar Camp Ruin  
(On Property Line)



**Site Plan and Photo Key**





G-1-A-139 (Markowitz Property)  
Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of Markowitz Property, Facing South  
Photo 1 of 9





G-1-A-139 (Markowitz Property)  
Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of House and Barn facing South  
Photo 2 of 9



G-1-A-139 (Markowitz Property)  
Garrett County, Maryland  
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View of House, facing Southwest  
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Garrett County, Maryland  
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View of House Rear, Facing Northwest  
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Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of House, facing Southeast  
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Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of Barn, facing North  
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Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of Barn, facing Northeast  
Photo 7 of 9



6-1-A-139 (Markowitz Property)  
Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (Aug. 2003)  
View of Barn, facing South  
Photo 8 of 9



G-1-A-139 (Markowitz Property)  
Garrett County, Maryland  
Heberling Associates, Inc. (August 2003)  
View of Sugar Camp Ruin, facing North  
Photo 9 of 9



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Sidney Markowitz Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

late 19th century

The Sidney Markowitz frame house is a two story, three bay by two bay structure with a gable roof. A one-bay shed porch, supported by turned, wooden posts with jig-sawn balustrades, covers the central facade entrance. The house rests on a stone block foundation. It is covered with German siding and framed with cornerboards. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles on the main block and standing seam metal sheeting on the rear porch roof.

The house has retained its original character.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sidney Markowitz Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

U.S. Route 219 N., east side, .2 miles south of PA. line.

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

G-I-A-139

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame house is situated on Chestnut Ridge off Rt. 219 approximately 1 3/4 miles north of the junction of Rt. 219 and Rt. 40. The house faces northeast. It is a two story, three bay by two bay structure with a gable roof. A one-bay shed porch, supported by turned, wooden posts with jig-sawn balustrades, covers the central facade entrance. A porch, supported by square wooden posts on wooden piers with a one bay enclosure on the south end, is located on the rear, northwest elevation. Another entrance is found on the rear, under the porch.

There are two interior brick end chimneys. The house is lit by two over two sash windows framed by plain flat boards with a slight drip molding at the window head. Two, two over two sash windows appear in each gable end. The house rests on a stone block foundation. The house is covered with German siding and framed with corner boards. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles on the main block and standing seam metal sheeting on the rear porch roof.

A barn on a roughly square foundation is located to the east of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

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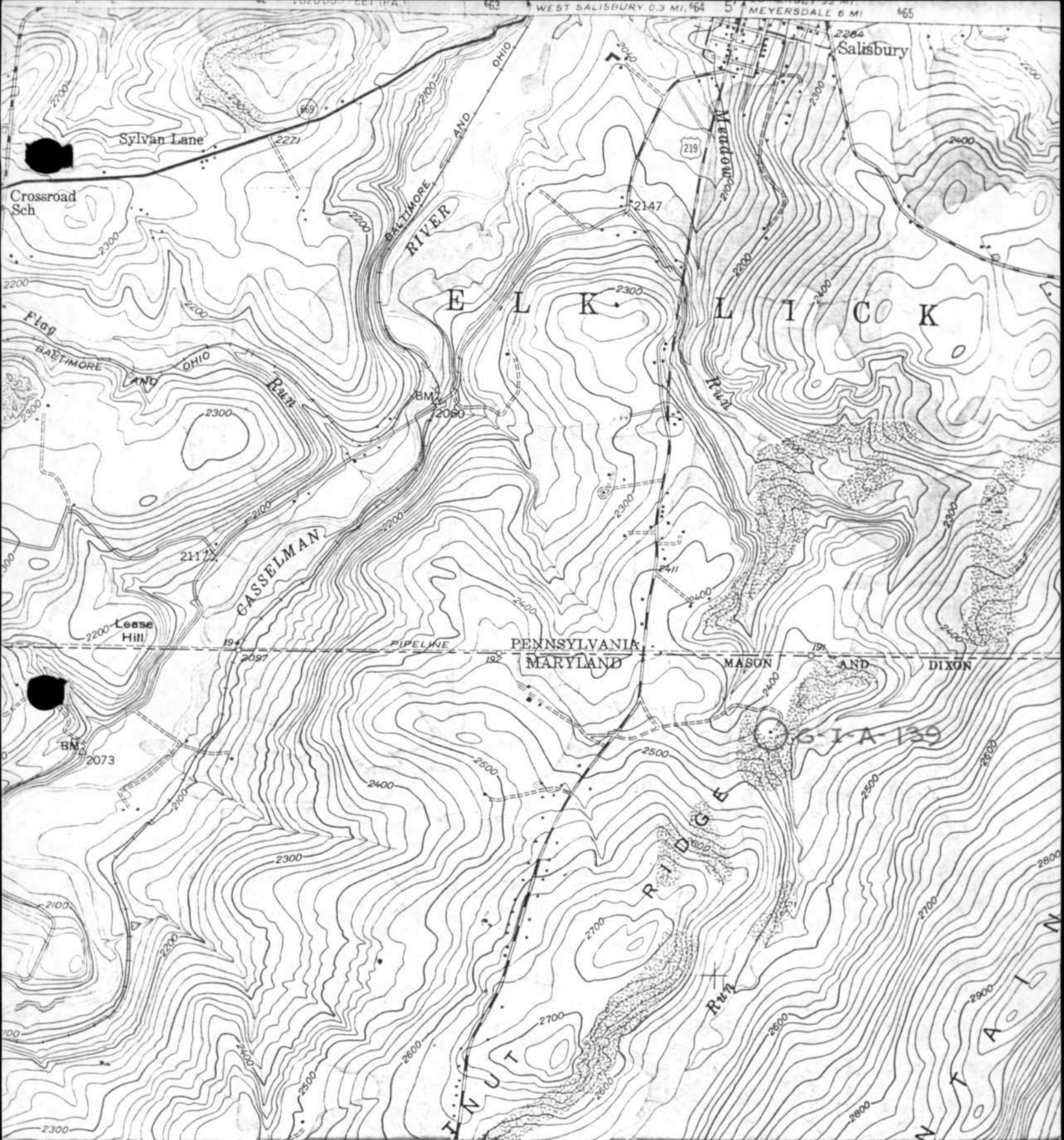
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Site #: G-I-A-139  
Sidney Markowitz Farm  
U.S. Route 219 N, east side,  
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Sidney Markowitz Farm

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Facade: NE & SE elevations





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Rear: SW & NW elevations